PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

MARTY'S MINUTE

Happy 2022! This year sure has started on a wintery and eventful note. I hope you all got some good rest during the break and are safely and warmly navigating this winter weather!

Congratulations to our NJROTC Cadets for recently completing the Secretary of the Navy Postal Competition!



Results:

-Cadet Jenna Sanders (pictured) took 1st place in Precision Air Rifle in the Nation among NJROTC Cadets. #1 in the country! She shot 293 out of 300. To put into context, this is amongst ALL 583 Navy JROTC Programs in the country!

- -Precision Air Rifle Team took 5th in the Nation among NJROTC Cadets.
- -Precision Air Rifle received an invitation to Navy National Competition in Anniston, AL Feb 8-12th.
- -Sporter Air Rifle took 6th place in Area 13 and was invited to Sparks Nevada to compete in a qualifying match to determine which Sporter team will qualify for nationals. That competition will take place on January 8th in Sparks, NV.

Way to go, Rider Company!



The Port Angeles High School's East Park Avenue Players will perform Sleepwalk, written by William Mastrosimone and directed by Kelly Lovall. This play is about an angsty, troubled teen, played by Alana Baker, who seeks out the strength needed to overcome impulse and thoughts of suicide.

Sleepwalk will show at the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center on January 14th and 15th at 7:00 p.m. and on January 16th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for general admission and may be purchased at the door. Live stream tickets can be purchased here. Please note that live stream tickets must be purchased two hours before each performance.



Philosophy in Schools: Online Intensive Program for Educators

Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) is introducing a tenweek, entirely virtual program for educators, Philosophy in Schools, that will begin in April 2022 and run for 10 weeks. The program will entail philosophical and pedagogical discussions about such topics as how to foster a community of philosophical inquiry, choosing prompts, the nature of philosophical questioning, philosophical sensitivity, epistemic injustice, social inequalities, and philosophical recognition of young people. <u>Click here</u> to learn more!







Naval Elks Hoop Shoot Lodge Contest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

AT 9 AM - 2 PM

Port Angeles Naval Elks Hoop Shoot is a Free-Throw Basketball contest for kids ages 8-13 (as of 4/1/2022).

Register at the event on the day of the event. Registration will close at 11am on the day of the event.

Any child is eligible for 1 lodge contest per year as long as they meet the age criteria. Visit: elks.org/HoopShoot for more information.



Annually, we put out extra effort to identify gifted learners, known as Highly Capable students. This program is for students who may have talents and needs beyond the scope of the general classroom environment. Parents and educators recognize that all children and students have unique skills and strive to meet their needs through various curriculum and learning activities within the general classroom. Click here to learn more:





A MONTHLY BOOK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE JUST FOR TEENS!

Readers in grades 7-12 may sign up to receive a monthly book bag. Each bag will contain two preselected library books (chosen especially for you) along with some treats and surprises! Students can sign up before the last Wednesday of the month to receive their Teen Lit Bag for the following month.

To receive a monthly Teen Lit Bag, students can sign up here.







I would like to recognize Karen Casey and Theresa Archibald for their above and beyond acts of kindness.

During our winter break when the District Office is closed, some of us staff members still work to keep the bills paid, payrolls processed, and employees taken care of. I was planning to work from December 27th through 29th to finalize the payroll process and work on an audit that was due by December 31st. Best laid plans didn't include a snowstorm that prevented me from driving to work from East of PA. Checks needed to be mailed on December 28th and 29th. Karen Casey and Theresa Archibald were able to make it into the office to get these mailed. As for the audit, Karen was able to email me the files I needed to complete before the deadline.

These are two of our many employees that I feel should be recognized for their unfailing kindness and dedication to see that our work gets done, even under adverse circumstances. Thank you Karen and Theresa for always being there for us!

Thank you, Robin Hicks Payroll Specialist



Shout out to our maintenance, custodial, and transportation teams for going above and beyond this week. These awesome staff members were clearing parking lots, walkways, de-icing, sanitizing, and getting students to and from school safely.

Thank you!!



Get help navigating services for your child!

Often the most beneficial support parents receive comes from other parents of children with special needs.



We walk alongside those caring for an individual with developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs, connecting them with other parents who understand the path.



We are here to help guide, inform, educate and access services and resources available to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers.

You are not alone! We are here to answer your questions!



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News and Notes, our PASD staff newsletter, is emailed out each week on Friday during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. Do you have a news item for the staff newsletter? Send an e-mail to Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org by the Wednesday before.

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